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SOUTHBOUND OFF-RAMP AT WILD WASH ROAD ON I-15 TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY

BARSTOW– The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the southbound off-ramp at Wild Wash Road on Interstate 15 for 30 days beginning at noon Thursday, July 8, 2004. In the near future, this ramp may possibly be closed for a period of 90 days in order to continue necessary work to reconstruct the mainline freeway to accommodate the northbound I-15 widening from Victorville to Barstow.

Detour:

♦ Go south on I-15 to Bell Mountain/Stoddard Wells Road exit. Turn left and proceed to Stoddard Wells Rd., turn left on Stoddard Wells Rd. to the northbound I-15 on-ramp. Turn left and proceed north to the northbound exit at Wild Wash Rd.

This I-15 construction improvement project is adding northbound and southbound lanes for 26 miles from Victorville to Barstow making it three lanes in each direction. Bridge widening and the addition of 12 retaining walls are also included in the construction work. The \$120 million project is well on it's way to completion, which is expected in January 2005.

As summer months begin to heat up, please carry water and make sure your vehicle is operating properly. Your patience is appreciated during this construction project. Keep alert, pay attention and watch out for irresponsible drivers when entering a highway work zone.

Always slow for the cone zone.

